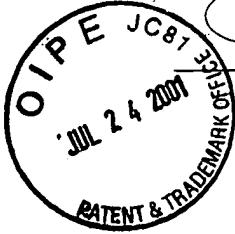


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

NB. no claim 24

Please cancel Claims 24 and rewrite the following claims: